

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3743 - HB 3826

February 24, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the legislative body of a municipality or county meeting certain specifications, to levy an additional \$1.00 litigation tax per case. Directs that the tax is to be denominated as a part of the court costs for each petition, warrant, and citation in matters before the general sessions and juvenile courts. Requires any such revenue to be used by the county for the purpose of supporting a local victim-offender mediation center or centers. Requires the funds to be distributed on a monthly basis.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$3,200

Increase Federal Expenditures - \$6,200

Increase Local Revenue - \$31,300

Assumptions:

- According to the Comptroller of the Treasury, affected counties are Davidson, Lewis, Cumberland, Putnam, Maury, and Anderson. Only Cumberland County did not adopt the litigation tax.
- According to the Comptroller, the remaining affected counties collected the \$1.00 tax for a total of \$31,344 in FY10-11. If all legislative bodies raise the tax an additional \$1.00, the recurring increase in local revenue is approximately \$31,344.
- According to the Department of Human Services, the Child Support Program filed 9,419 petitions in the courts affected by this bill in 2011. The state is responsible for 34 percent of the fee, with a 66 percent federal match.
- Therefore, the recurring increase in state expenditures is approximately \$3,202 (9,419 cases x \$1.00 x 34%), and the recurring increase in federal expenditures is approximately \$6,217 (9,419 cases x \$1 x 66%).

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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